



# DELAWARE

## Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

## CONTACT Delaware, Rape Crisis Program

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### Coalition Type

Domestic violence

### Year Formed

1994

### Year Incorporated

1994

### Staff

1 part-time staff member

### Fiscal Year

July 1994 - June 1995

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### Coalition Type

Sexual assault

### Year Formed

(Collaboration began with funds from FY 1995. Coalition to become official in 1996.)

### Year Incorporated

(Initial work for incorporation is underway.)

### Staff

4 full-time-equivalent staff members at  
Contact Delaware (none dedicated  
exclusively to coalition)

### Fiscal Year

January 1995 - December 1995

## Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The following information was reported by the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence. In the response to this inventory, the coalition's executive director points out that the coalition only recently began full operation with staff. As a consequence of that fact and this report's attention to state and federal funding, the coalition's role is reported as fairly limited, although it will be increasing.

### Member Programs and Services

There are three domestic violence programs operating in Delaware, all of which are members of the coalition. Of the coalition's member programs, none are dual domestic violence/sexual assault programs. All three provide domestic violence hotlines, legal advocacy programs, and community education. Two provide on-site shelter facilities. One has special program components geared for Hispanic populations. Many of the domestic violence services queried in this inventory are provided by at least one of the Delaware coalition's member programs, but none offer services geared toward sexual assault issues. See exhibit 1 for a more detailed overview of the services these member programs provide.

<b>Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=3) offering various domestic violence services</b>	
<b><u>Number of programs</u></b>	<b><u>Service</u></b>
3	Independently run domestic violence hotline
2	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
2	Support group for women
3	Legal advocacy program
0	Medical advocacy program
2	Specific support program for sheltered children
0*	Services for non-sheltered children
0*	Education programs in elementary schools, high schools, colleges, or universities
0*	Education programs in colleges or universities
3	Community education/speakers bureau
2*	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
1	Transitional/second stage housing
2	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
0	Other services

\* One member program did not indicate whether or not it provided these services.

## Domestic Violence Coalition Operations

As Figure 1 depicts, the Delaware coalition concentrates its efforts primarily in three areas. Twenty-five percent of effort is dedicated to systems advocacy and 25 percent to public awareness and education. Slightly less work is dedicated to the administration of the coalition (20 percent) and to services advocacy (15 percent). In addition, the coalition does smaller amounts of work for statewide planning and direct services to victims.

## Special Projects of the Domestic Violence Coalition

One special project was noted for this inventory by the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

### Public Information Campaign

*Description:* A public information campaign was begun in fiscal 1994 and continued into fiscal 1995. Buses and billboards featured messages related to domestic violence.

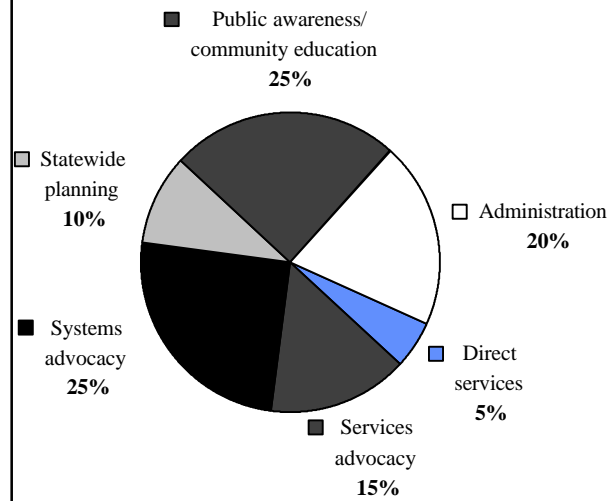
*Purpose:* Public awareness/community education

*Funding source:* Federal funding

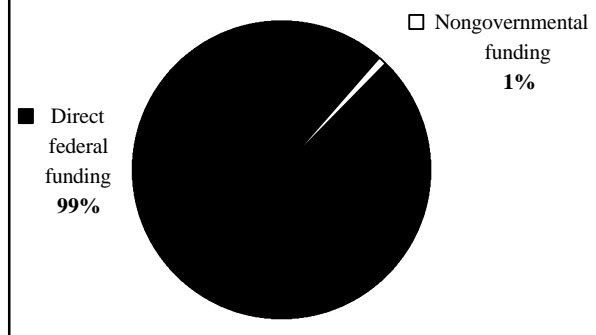
## Domestic Violence Coalition Funding

In fiscal 1994-95, the Delaware coalition's funds came primarily from the federal government's state coalition grant. In addition, member organizations donated a small amount of money to the coalition in fiscal 1994-95 (see figure 2). The combined revenue from these two sources places the Delaware coalition in the lowest quartile (\$70,000 or less) of the funding range used to compare coalitions in this inventory. The bulk of its income was spent to support the work of the coalition; three percent of the coalition's income was retained for future expenditures. No funds were passed from the coalition to its member programs.

**Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence coalition level among various operations**



**Figure 2. Funding sources and percentage of funds: Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence**



## Federal and State Funding

All of the federal funds given directly to the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence were provided under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) in the form of a state coalition grant (see exhibit 2). This grant accounted for nearly all of the coalition's budget for fiscal 1995. The Delaware coalition receives no state-administered money and little money from nongovernmental sources.

<b>Exhibit 2. Sources of government funding reported by the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence</b>	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA) state coalition grant</li> </ul>	None

## Nongovernmental Funding Sources

Donations made by the organizations that are coalition members are the sole source of nongovernmental funds that the coalition receives. As exhibit 3 shows, the coalition considers these contributions from programs to be donations rather than dues.

<b>Exhibit 3. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence</b>	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Private donations	100%

\*Nongovernmental funding was 1% of total funding.

## CONTACT Delaware, Rape Crisis Program

CONTACT Delaware is a private, nonprofit agency at the center of a very recent effort to form a sexual assault coalition in Delaware. Although the coalition is in its infancy, the funds used to begin its formation were reported by CONTACT Delaware and, therefore, are reported below.

## Member Programs and Services

The coalition's formation is a project conducted by three organizations: Delawarians United to Prevent Child Abuse (formerly Parents Anonymous), Survivors of Abuse in Recovery (SOAR) which provides individual and group counseling, and CONTACT Delaware. CONTACT Delaware provides the only statewide rape crisis services, including a 24-hour helpline; hospital, police, and court accompaniments;

victims' support groups; and prevention and educational programs. The agencies that will be joining with CONTACT Delaware to form Delaware's sexual assault coalition are primarily ones that provide individual and group counseling. These services will complement CONTACT Delaware's rape crisis services. Exhibit 4 depicts the sexual assault services reported by CONTACT Delaware for itself and the agencies that will be joining it in the new coalition. The exhibit shows only whether or not a particular sexual assault service is offered in Delaware by at least one coalition member. Whether one, two, or all three programs offer a service is not shown.

<b>Exhibit 4. Number of programs (N=3) offering various sexual assault services</b>	
<b><u>Offered by at least one program</u></b>	<b><u>Service</u></b>
✓	Independently run sexual assault hotline
✓	One-on-one counseling ( <i>specified as "short term" by CONTACT Delaware</i> )
✓	Support group for adult women
✓	Support group for teenage girls
--	Support group for male victims
✓	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
✓	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
✓	Secondary support group for parents of victims
✓	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
--	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
--	Legal advocacy program
--	Medical advocacy program
✓	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
✓	Education programs in colleges or universities
✓	Community education/speakers bureau
✓	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
✓	Technical assistance
--	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
--	Other services

## **Sexual Assault Coalition Operations**

This coalition reports that it dedicates 100 percent of its efforts to direct services.

## **Special Projects of the Sexual Assault Coalition**

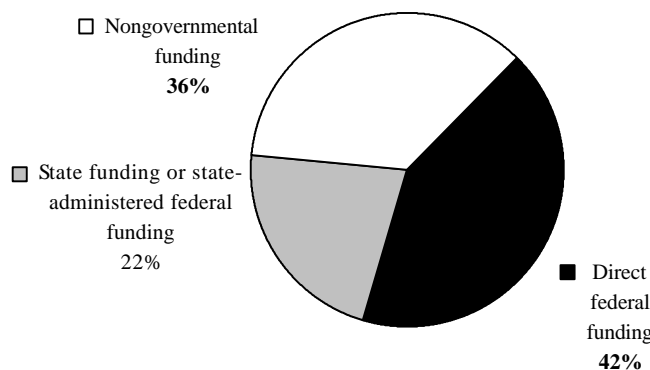
No special projects aside from the programs' primary work were listed for this inventory.

## Sexual Assault Coalition Funding

The amount of funding this coalition received from federal, state, and nongovernmental sources places it in the top half of the range (\$75,001 - \$200,000) used to for this report. However, CONTACT Delaware's executive director emphasized that the funds reported here are for CONTACT Delaware's rape crisis work and are not all designated for coalition building. About 42 percent of the funds came from federal sources, and 36 percent was given by a single nongovernmental source. A somewhat smaller share (22 percent), was drawn from Delaware's Preventive Health Block Grant and provided by the state.

Figure 3 depicts the percentages of funds given to the coalition by each source. No funds were passed from the coalition to local programs. However, CONTACT Delaware points out that the federal funds acquired through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) were distributed equally among the three prospective coalition members.

**Figure 3. Funding sources and percentage of funds: CONTACT Delaware, Rape Crisis Program**



## Federal and State Funding

As shown in exhibit 5, this sexual assault coalition received funds from two governmental sources common to all states. These two sources of funds were a grant that came directly from the federal government under VAWA and a smaller grant, the Preventive Health Block Grant, that was administered by the state of Delaware. The funds acquired through VAWA provided CONTACT Delaware the means to start Delaware's sexual assault coalition (exhibit 5).

<b>Exhibit 5. Sources of government funding reported by CONTACT Delaware, Rape Crisis Program</b>	
<u><b>Direct federal funding</b></u>	<u><b>State-administered funding</b></u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preventive Health Block Grant</li> </ul>

## Nongovernmental Funding Sources

For this emerging coalition, income from nongovernmental funding sources nearly equaled that from the federal government and far surpassed that from the state. As exhibit 6 depicts, the United Way of Delaware was the sole source of nongovernmental funds received by CONTACT Delaware. Such resources as foundation/corporate grants or membership dues, common to other coalitions, were not identified as sources of funds by this Delaware coalition.

<b>Exhibit 6. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by CONTACT Delaware, Rape Crisis Program</b>	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Other nongovernmental sources	100%

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## Delaware State Government Agencies

Two Delaware agencies, the Department of Health and Social Services and the Criminal Justice Council, administer funds that are received by CONTACT Delaware as well as other organizations. As noted previously, the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence does not receive funding from or administered by state government agencies. Both the domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions in this state are relatively newly formed. Therefore, much of the money reported by state agencies is delivered elsewhere and does not appear in the reports from the two coalitions featured in this inventory. Moreover, three different fiscal years are represented among the funding reports of the four groups (two coalitions and two state agencies) discussed in this chapter.

### Delaware Criminal Justice Council

**Fiscal year: October 1995 - September 1996**

The Criminal Justice Council is the primary state agency through which funds are channeled for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention. This agency oversees the distribution of \$830,000. Sources of funds to address domestic violence include the FVPSA state formula grant (\$190,000) and funds acquired through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) (\$49,000) and VAWA (\$338,000). Sources of funds for sexual assault programming and prevention also include VOCA (\$50,000) and VAWA (\$67,000).

These funds were given to organizations other than the coalitions and local programs addressed in this report. Recipients of domestic violence funding from the Criminal Justice Council include other state government agencies (\$269,000), local government agencies (\$27,000), and local nonprofit agencies that are not affiliated with the state government (\$417,000). Similarly, sexual assault-related funds were distributed to other state government agencies (\$20,000), local government agencies (\$15,000), and local nonprofit agencies (\$82,000).

### Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health

**Fiscal year: July 1994 - June 1995**

The Department of Health and Social Services administers funds for sexual assault services and prevention, namely the Preventive Health Block Grant. The entire amount (\$18,000) distributed by this agency in fiscal 1994-95 was given directly to CONTACT Delaware.

## Federal and State Funding Reported by Delaware State Government Agencies

Only federal funds flow through the Department of Health and Social Services and the Criminal Justice Council for the prevention of violence against women (exhibit 7).

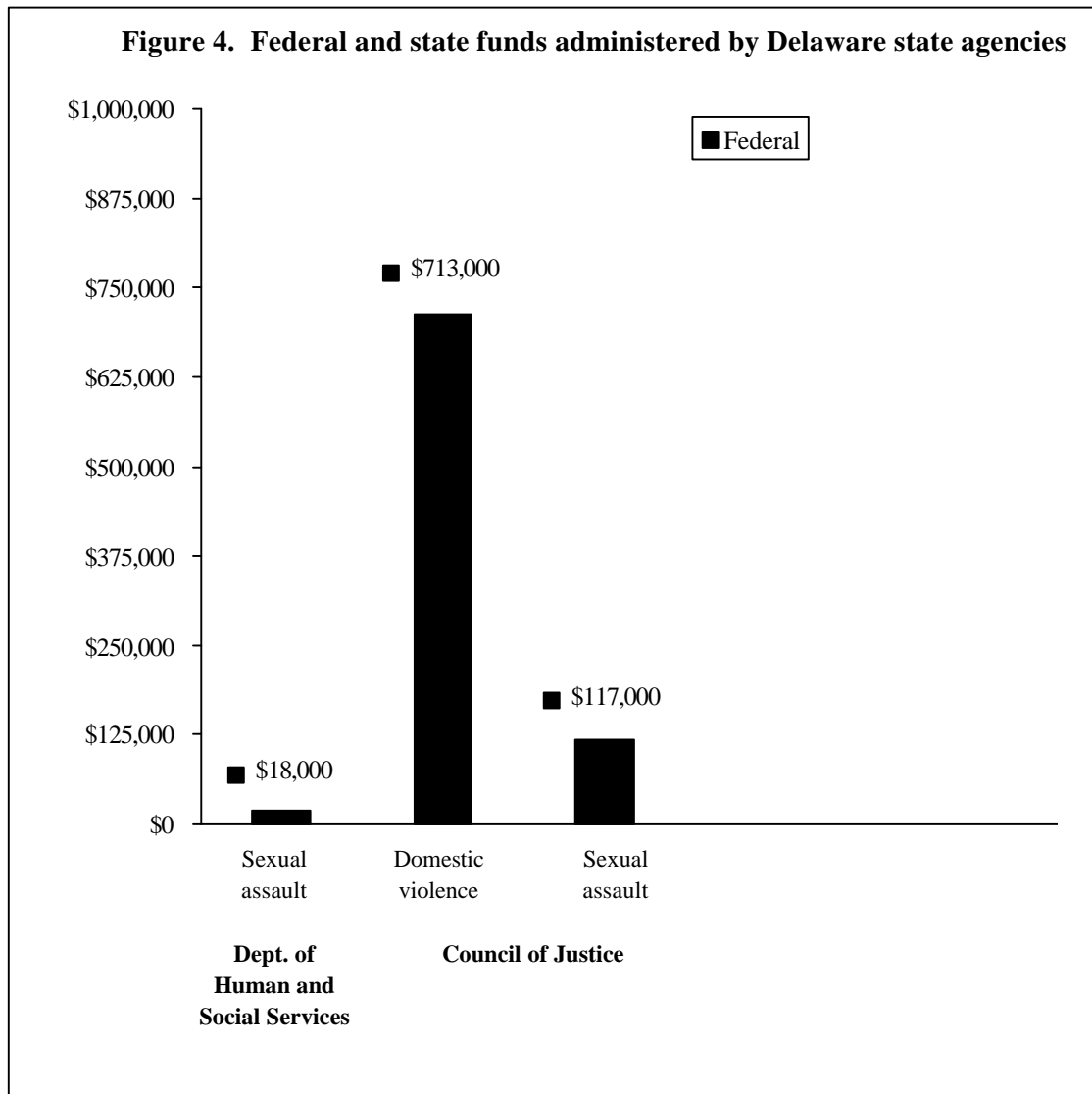
<b>Exhibit 7. Federal and state funding totals reported by Delaware state agencies</b>	
Federal	\$848,000
State	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$848,000</b>

Federal funds such as the state formula grant and the Preventive Health Block Grant are administered by Delaware state agencies. Exhibit 8 lists the sources from which Delaware receives federal money.

<b>Exhibit 8. Sources of government funding reported by Delaware state agencies</b>	
<u><b>Federal funds</b></u>	<u><b>State funds</b></u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventive Health Block Grant - \$18,000</li> <li>• Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant - \$190,000</li> <li>• Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds - \$235,000</li> <li>• Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) - \$405,000</li> </ul>	None

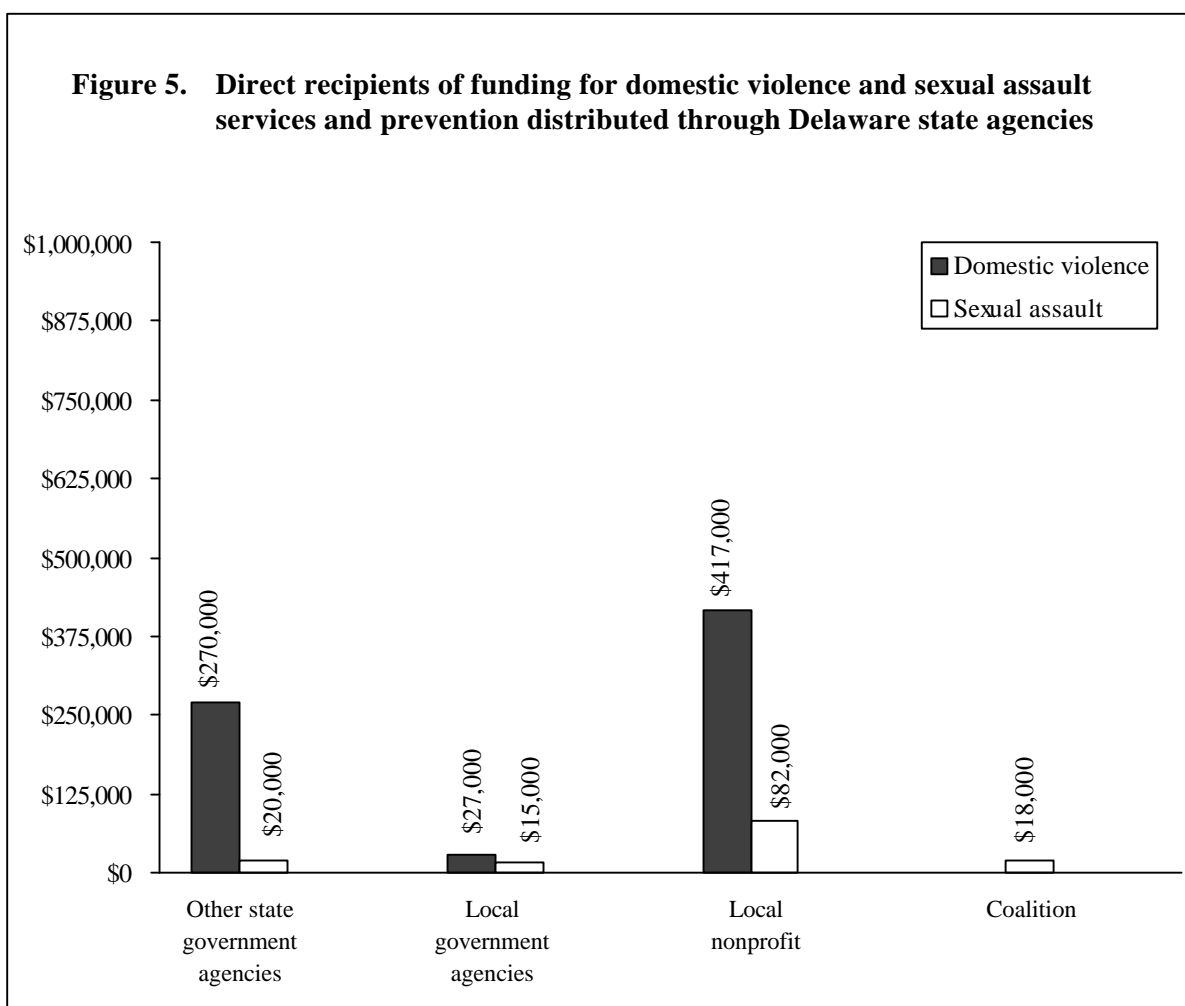
The state agencies surveyed reported that most of the funds distributed in Delaware to prevent violence against women are directed against domestic violence rather than sexual assault. However, as shown in figure 4, those working to combat sexual assault do receive a portion of funds that flow through Delaware state agencies.





## Distribution of State-Administered Funds

The sexual assault coalition, CONTACT Delaware, received the grant administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (see figure 5). During their most recently completed fiscal year, none of the funds distributed by the Criminal Justice Council were given to local programs or the newly formed coalitions. Rather, they were distributed to other state government agencies, local government agencies, and nongovernmental, nonprofit organizations.



### Local Programs and Services Funded Through State Agencies

The only local program reported to have received funds through a state agency was CONTACT Delaware. Because CONTACT Delaware is a statewide program that is beginning a sexual assault coalition, the amount reportedly given to CONTACT Delaware is shown above as going to the sexual assault coalition. No other local programs receive funding from the two state agencies that reported for Delaware.